(c) and (d) Drugs and Cosmetics Act/Rules provides for mandatory testing of blood for Human Immuno-Deficiency Virus (HIV). This is being monitored by Drugs Controller General (India) and State Food and Drug Administration Department through inspection of blood banks for grant/ renewal of licence.

[Translation]

Intrusion of Pilotless Aircraft

*30. SHRI RADHA MOHAN SINGH :
SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Indian Air Force had shot down a suspected Pakistani remote-controlled pilotless aircraft (RPV) on January 15, 1997 in the Indian air space;

(b) if so, whether any debris of the aircraft have been located, and whether the origin of the aircraft has been identified;

(c) if so, whether the Government have lodged any protest with the Government of Pakistan over violation of Indian air space;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether such incidents amount to violation of Shimla pact;

(f) whether such intrusions have taken place earlier also;

(g) if so, the details thereof; and

(h) the measures taken by the Government to check such intrusion of foreign aircrafts into our territory ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MULAYAM SINGH YADAV) : (a) An intruding unmanned aerial vehicle was fired upon by the IAF on 15th January, 1997.

(b) to (e) No debris of the aircraft has been located. The RPV originated from the North West. A protest was lodged through diplomatic channels with Pakistan regarding intrusions of Indian airspace which are in violation of the bilateral agreement between the two countries on Prevention of Airspace Violations. The Government of Pakistan has denied any intrusion by their aircraft.

(f) and (g) There have been stray violations of Indian airspace from across the borders, which are reported to the neighbouring country concerned.

(h) Necessary precautions have been taken to prevent such intrusions in future.

[English]

Relation with Foreign Countries

*32. KUNWAR SARVARAJ SINGH :
SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government propose to improve relations with foreign countries;

(b) if so, the name of the countries with whom the relations have shown improvement recently;

(c) whether the Government have revised its foreign policy in view of its change in economic policy ;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Prime Minister also visited a number of countries and had a number of agreements signed with those countries;

(f) if so, to what extent relations between neighbouring countries, like Bangladesh, Pakistan, China and Sri Lanka have improved;

(g) the salient features of agreement signed with Bangladesh during the years 1996 and 1997;

(h) whether there is also a proposal to improve relations with the United States and Russia;

(i) if so, the concrete steps taken in this regard; and

(j) the extent to which the relations have improved with these countries?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL) : (a) to (j) The principal objective of the foreign policy of the Government is to further strengthen India's democracy and ensure all-round economic and social development with justice and equality. With this in mind, the Government have decided to extend a hand of friendship to every nation of the world and to develop mutually beneficial relationship with them.

The Government attach high priority to develop warm and friendly relations with immediate neighbours and have accordingly shaped our relations with each of them on the basis of simple five point framework. First, with neighbours like Bangladesh, Bhutan, Maldives, Nepal and Sri Lanka, India does not ask for reciprocity but gives all that it can in good faith and trust. Secondly, no South Asian country will allow its territory to be used against the interest of another country of the region. Thirdly, none will interfere in the internal affairs of another. Fourthly, all South Asian countries must respect each other's territorial integrity and sovereignty. And, finally, they will settle all their disputes through peaceful bilateral negotiations. These principles have helped to build a climate of close and special cooperation.

The relations with Nepal, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka have improved substantially both bilaterally and in the context of enhanced regional cooperation. As far as relations with Pakistan are concerned the Government have proposed resumption of bilateral dialogue on all issues of mutual concern. This was conveyed in the message of felicitation sent by the Prime Minister to the newly elected Prime Minister of Pakistan. India's relations with China have